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as well as complete little volume in the Temple Primer series. It can be tucked away in the same space as one's book of devotions, is light, good print, and most conveniently indexed, so that one has no difficulty in looking up any era, from the Roman conquest before Christ down to the present day. Some of the changes in French history come suddenly and close upon the heels of one another, and it is a saving of time to look up rather than think up these on occasions.

THE SEA LADY. Methuen & Co., London.

After so much rather sober reading as the foregoing list a little nonsense will not come amiss to balance with. Nothing lighter or more nonsensical could you very easily find than the "Sea Lady." I must not tell you the story, for that would spoil it, but do just glance at the Buntings and the Misses Glendower going down to the sea to bathe. "The Buntings did not bathe mixed;" a thing, indeed, that was "still very doubtfully decent in 1898, (!) Mrs. Bunting going first, looking, as it were, for a Peeping Tom with her glasses;" the three young ladies in their beautiful Paris bathing dresses, but completely covered by hooded gowns of towelling; "then Mrs. B.'s maid and the second housemaid and the Misses Glendowers' maid;" a little interval and the two men "with ropes and things." "Mrs. Bunting always put a rope round each of her daughters before ever they put a foot in the water and held it till they were safely out." "As soon as they had reached the high-water mark, where it is no longer indecent to be clad merely in a bathing dress, each of the ladies handed her attendant her wrap, and after Mrs. Bunting looked carefully to see if there were any jelly-fish, and then they went in."

The chapter on the journalists revives one's interest just as the reader begins to tire a wee bit of these honest Britons; but the chapter on "the quality of Parker" drives one to the point of hysterics. Parker is a lady's maid engaged to stand between the Sea Lady and the vulgar gaze of the world. She is a sphinx and stoic. She is also an adept at dissimulation. Don't pay money for such frivolity, but if the book comes your way and you want to laugh, read it.



JUSTICE MAYER, of the Court of Special Sessions, of New York, read a paper on "Criminal Procedure against the Unlawful Practice of Medicine" at a meeting of the Society of Medical Jurisprudence, in which he said: "The worst agency in New York to-day that helps the man who sells either real or pretended abortion medicine is the newspapers, for they make it possible to snare the unwary, the superstitious, and the fearful. I suggest that in the new school of journalism in Columbia there be a chair of advertising, and let it be taught to the young men of the newspaper profession that the first duty of a great newspaper is to censor its medical advertising. If the decent newspapers will assist in the gradual uplifting of public opinion concerning the men and women who engage in these disreputable and criminal occupations, it will be only a matter of a short time until they are driven out of business."